

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to delete formula (2). In addition, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 11 have been amended to improve their form. Claims 5-9 have been cancelled in view of the amendment to Claim 1. No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 10-24 will be pending.

In paragraph No. 3 of the Action, Claims 1 and 3-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In paragraph No. 4 of the Action, Claims 1 and 3-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

In paragraph No. 6 of the Action, Claims 1 and 3-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kreuder et al (US 5,814,244).

In paragraph No. 7 of the Action, Claims 1, 3-5 and 10-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lamansky et al (US 2004/0004433).

In paragraph No. 8 of the Action, Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Towns et al (US 2001/0037012).

In paragraph No. 9 of the Action, Claims 1, 3-5, 10, 13-18 and 21-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wu et al (WO 98/06773).

All the above rejections are directed to a polymer compound comprising a repeating unit represented by formula (2). As noted, formula (2) has been deleted from Claim 1. Accordingly, withdrawal of all the above rejections is respectfully requested.

Further, as indicated in paragraph No. 2 of the Office Action dated January 5, 2009 and in paragraph No. 5 of the Office Action dated April 10, 2008, a polymer compound comprising a repeating unit of formula (1) as defined in present Claim 1 is patentable and the claims dependent therefrom are also patentable.

In view of the above, allowance of Claims 1, 3, 4 and 10-24 is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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